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From the Editor's Chair

D. Johnston

Here we are at the outbreak of summer; and, with summer, come changes. Those changes are not only those created by nature, but those created by man as well.

Notice, for example, the changes in the editorial staff line-up. We have, once again, undergone a metamorphosis. We hope, however, that our present staff will remain with us for some time.

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you; the reader, some of our editorial policies.

Our primary goal is to establish a high quality magazine that will bring the news to those concerned. We are somewhat limited by our field of research, but we believe that we can accomplish our goal nonetheless.

We will present the views of anyone; both inside and outside. We are not handicapped by any great wish to avoid controversy, but we do require that all articles of a controversial nature be substantiated before publication. This is for your protection as well as for our own.

We welcome all letters and views on our magazine. We hope that we can get enough response so that we can begin a new column on editorial letters.

We intend that the magazine present news, provide entertainment, become a source of information, and a bridge in communication.

We have no objections to anyone using parts of our magazine or it's contents so long as recognition is given to the TERMINATOR and to the writer.

Enough babble from the editor's chair. Good luck to all and we sincerely hope that you enjoy a good summer.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order for our past editor; Mr. Ken Leishman. Since the last issue he has been released. From all of us, to you, Ken, GOOD LUCK!

The Interview Corner

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Miss Manchester, the subject of this interview, is a female classification officer. She is unique in two respects; first, she is the only female classification officer in the institution, and, secondly, she is the only female that works in close proximity with the inmates in the institution. Let's have a cheer for what's happening in Stony Mountain's best known female mind!

Q. The term "rehabilitation" is thrown around the institution as though there were a rehab program in the institution. Few inmates are aware of any such program. In your opinion, what is rehabilitation and what does the institution have to offer?

A. We do not have the facilities to treat people in the terms of their individual needs. Once the living units are in we may have more opportunity to treat people on an individual basis.

Q. According to the institutional statistics, parole failures are over 80%. To what extent does the system perpetuate recidivism?

A. I don't think recidivism is the only measure of success or failure. A man could have made progress even though he is coming back. I'm not convinced that the "system" is solely responsible for crime - but then, my emphasis tends to be on psychological processes.

Q. Could you suggest any programs that would benefit inmates?

A. The Living Unit. Also programs that develop social skills and responsibilities. Also, I would like to see a clinical department apart from classification that has it's own function and role. Greater emphasis on family therapy and community involvement through the T.A. program would also be an improvement. I think we are moving in these directions but change on the institutional level takes time.

Q. Do you, as the only female classification officer, feel you encounter any special problems that a male classification officer would not? If so; what?

A. I think it's important to have women in prison. It helps people who have problems relating to women. It is an unnatural environment not to have women working here. It helps inmates to relate. It is also important in working with inmates who have families. I suppose the special problems it incurs are out-weighed by the advantages. I like my job and I suppose that says something.

Q. Do you see any value to mandatory parole?

A. I see the value in the concept of mandatory where we don't just throw a man out and tell him to have a good time! I would like to see better supervision and more of an attempt between inmates and parole officers to establish a rapport before the inmate is released. I think

(Miss Manchester, cont'd)

it has some preventive value in that an inmate having difficulties on the street can be returned before he gets into serious trouble. I would be in favour of having the mandatory program revised.

Q. In your opinion, what effect do long sentences have on men?

A. They tend to make them dependent. He becomes institutionalized. They keep men from harming anyone in society. It doesn't have to be cruel but it is necessary in rare cases. There are some inmates who are untreatable and this makes long sentences necessary.

Q. The older inmates served time under a completely hard line punitive regime, very likely it perverted their social values and attitudes. These men carry scars and are largely over-looked in penal planning. Do you have any comment on this?

A. Firstly, I don't know if their needs are over-looked. I try to take each individual's case into consideration as it presents itself. In other words, I don't know if the assumption is correct. I do feel that damage was done under the old regime.

Q. Will you assume classification duties in one of the living units?

A. Yes. I will have an office at the end of the range and not interfere with anyone's privacy.

Q. What is your opinion of the Temporary Absence Program?

A. It is so difficult to develop consistent individualized programs using temporary absence programs as a part of a larger program with our present organizational structure. However, it is an invaluable device and we could develop something with it as a system of reward in order to strengthen community relations and man's identification with the community at large, rather than an inmate code. We have to develop a more consistent criteria in our T.A. program.

Q. Do you find the inmates on your classification list easy to talk with or do they tend to be more reserved and careful in what they say due to the fact that you are a female?

A. I've never been a man so I can't compare. Seriously, there may be some initial discomfort but I think it is easily overcome and in the long run, can improve a man's ability to relate to women.

Q. Do you feel your parole recommendations are given proper consideration by the Parole Board? How do you feel if the parole board does not follow your recommendations?

A. I feel adequate consideration is given to my recommendations. However, when the board disagrees, I make an effort to find out why.

THANK YOU MISS MANCHESTER!

An Open Letter To The People

EDITORIAL COMMENT: The following letter was published in the A.R.C.A.D. Newspaper. It was written by one of the inmates in our institution. With his permission, we are re-printing that letter.

Dear Ms. Lette;

Thank you for your letter of December 23, 1973. We of the Indian And Metis Brotherhood Organization are grateful for your concern with our problems as incarcerated Natives in a White prison system.

I, as secretary of the I.M.B.O. NEWSLETTER, will try to put into writing, the problems which are encountered by the Native inmates.

First, and foremost, is the wide communication gap that is encountered on every turn of any road. Whether this gap is intentional or not, I can't really say, but it is always there. It is as if no one cares to take the trouble to find out if there are any problems or to try and understand those problems. Native people are very closed-mouthed when it comes to conversations with White people. It is not intentional, but a matter of heredity. Native people have, down through the centuries, taught their children not to cry, nor complain, and not to speak until spoken to; and only then with a short and direct answer.

The Whites do not understand this, or do not want to; at least, so it seems! When a Native will not speak out, they classify him as being hard to get along with, or ignorant. The plain truth of the matter is that he is unable to join in general conversation and is, therefore, shy about it. I am a White man who has been living with a Native girl for seven years now and have still been unable to get her to open up to me. At first I couldn't understand this; but, as the years went by, I came to realize why this was and, perhaps, this is the reason I am so readily accepted by the Natives; inside and out.

If the administrations of places like this were to realize this and act accordingly, one of our main concerns would be solved!

("Open Letter" cont'd)

Our next most important problem is support from both the White and Native communities. A man, or woman, cannot begin to rehabilitate themselves if he, or she, has nothing to look forward to. He, or she, may feel that they are not wanted. They will rebel and fight back. It is bad enough losing our freedom without losing our self-respect as well. A person will not work for nothing; whether it be monetary gain, or just plain appreciation. They have to feel wanted. We all have our pride and the Natives seem to have more pride than the societies realize.

What we are trying to do about this is get the outside, be it White or otherwise, involved in programs with the inside. We hold weekly meetings in which we have outside guests come in and speak to us, and they, in turn, listen to our side of the problems. The main problem here is that while they are full of promise and purpose at these meetings, they seem to forget all about us once they walk through the front door. Not all are like this, but I would say that a majority of them are. I sincerely hope that this will eventually change and that the outside will work hand in glove with the inside.

Thirdly, I would say the most important, is getting the inmate to realize that he, or she, must take that first big and important step.

There are many small problems, but they tend to touch on the personal side of things. I, as spokesman in this letter, request of you any help which you deem beneficial to our cause. I ask that you forward any ideas or assistance to us:

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I remain,

Yours in Brotherhood
signed Geo. A. Quantrill

An Indian Mother's Prayer

Will you let my son become a man?
Will he grow proud and tall,
Or will you take away his rights and freedoms
Here....where they belong to all?

Will you let my son become a man?
Will he grow in knowledge and worth?
Or will you teach your children to hate and taunt him,
Because of the difference of their birth?

Will you let my son become a man?
Will he be happy and gay?
Or will you push him to the bottle, to the gutter,
With your taunting, day by day?

This is Canada: the land of freedom;
There are no prejudices here -
Unless you happen to be an Indian
You've not a thing to fear.

My son's a baby now -
He doesn't understand,
The hates, the fears, that wait him
Here in his native land.

He doesn't even know,
That he is brown and you are white.
Would that he could grow up not knowing,
It would be a wonderous sight.

As I watch him grow, I wonder,
Will things be different then?
Will you little selfish people,
Let the Indians just be men?

Will you let them have their freedom?
Will you give them back **their** pride?
Will you love and accept them?
As your brothers by your side?

So, as I watch my baby grow
It is my only prayer
You'll let my son become a man:
I think it's only fair.

- Author Unknown-

Sports

By D. Johnston

We thought of having a sports section within the magazine but found that we just couldn't gather enough material, outside of statistics, to really carry any such section. Therefore, I was told by all the slave drivers of the editorial staff to get off my fat fanny and write an article about what the institution intends to do for the summer sports program.

Using all the devious tricks that I know, I set about to carry out my task. In accordance with my Cub Scout manual, I captured the institutional staff responsible for sports programs and attempted to get the story from them. Needless to say, I met with no great amount of success. (Don't ever let anyone tell you that prison personnel talk a great deal.)

Anyway, I decided to check it out with the residents that were actively involved in the sports scene. Here is what I found out.

The Stony Mountain Barons have, once again, entered an outside softball league. (Before this magazine went to print they had already played one game. The score was unrecorded.) They have lined up a really good team for this year and I, for one, hope that the population gets out there and roots for them!

There is some thought being given to an indoor/summer basketball league but most of the interested people are playing baseball and find that one conflicts with the other.

Tennis is on the move. The unofficial champ at the moment seems to be somewhere in the middle of John "Water Buffalo" Piggot, and the local misfit! (Not me folks. I don't play!)

The paddleball courts are in constant use and the old team matches of last year are at it again. It's always interesting to watch these grudge matches of the year before.

Nonetheless, everyone is doing something in the line of sports this year. It is really good to see so many getting in shape by taking an active part in something physically stimulating.

Everyone has fun and everyone stays healthy.

And THAT is what's going on in sports!

Baseball; the game we all love!

Have you ever wondered why so many goggle-eyed fans trot out to watch their favorite nine in ball parks all over North America? Or, perhaps, why there are so many minor leagues that encompass ages eight to eighty? What does this game have in the way of appeal and charisma that gets so many people excited?

I think some people go to watch Joe Baseball as he directs the nine almost as though it were an orchestra. Yes, if he had his way, the local "Bean Baggers" would kill the ump to one of Beethoven's symphonies! They would first rise to a crescendo and beat their feet to Kate Smith's "God Bless America" for every single. For a double, "She'll Be Comming 'Round The Mountain" would be sufficient. The signals emanating from the wonder wizard on the mound would so confuse the visiting "Sox" that they would end up fanning the air for musical notes!

Still others, perhaps less directive and more participatory, enjoy baseball because it is an athletic endeavour. It creates speed, skill, teamwork, and conditioned plays. The human body, once involved in purposeful competition, has a drive to play as well as it can within the bounds of the sport.

Getting back to the ball park, I can recall my own days in a mud field waiting impatiently for my turn at bat, feeling the impact of the bat and ball, the run, the slide - oops, short of the bag! Oh well, you win some, you lose some. It's the love of the game that counts.

Let me introduce you to Mrs. Baseball. She is a natural born umpire. Not only has she the senses of a rhino in a South African mustard grass field, but she also has the qualities of a stubborn American Jackass! She grew up with the game on T.V. dinners, popcorn, pretzels, and beer in the park. She distributes the males to their allotted watering holes. This lady should throw out the first ball of the season; but not as a spit-ball throwing president! She will tell you she hates the game only because she feels it's what's expected!

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Her feelings, however, are just the opposite. She would like to put on the grey flannels and start pitching just like the director out there; getting dirty, scruffy, worn, and darn happy! After all, who wants to sit at home and play nursemaid to idle "fats" when the lure of fresh air and the noise of the crowds beckons all! And who wants to be the umpire when playing the game gets one out of the dumps?

Next time you see a game at Stony Mountain, on any field, or on the television, take a good look around. Is everybody involved, with their eyes on the ball? Are their hearts pumping on all four cylinders? Have they forgotten the insanities of wages, inflation, and pollution?

From president to pauper, it takes but a ball, a stick, a glove, and any place will do. The communication of baseball is a beauty to behold.

PLAY BALL!!!!!!

by Harvey Kriscunas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Richard Anderson says; "Aww come on fellas! Don't you know it's impolite to point!"

A FANTASY:

I sat, in silence, in bed, at rest, at peace, with my mind in limbo. Colors shifting, swirling, dancing before my eyes; reminds me of the time that I grew from a child to a senile, and work worn antiquated version of a man. I could not sleep! Everywhere I looked I could see nothing that would indicate the true worth of my soul.

And once again I opened my eyes. I thought the monkey was on my back but it turned out that it was only in my mind. And the four grey walls close around me once more.....

ONE LINE EH! WELL HERE IT IS ANDY!

-the editor-

A L.E.A.P. Into The Future

EDITORIAL COMMENT: The following is a press release from the St. Leonards Society of Canada, Assistance Programme to Community Development. 1787 Walker Road, Windsor, Ontario.

On March 29, 1974, the St. Leonards Society of Canada signed its contract with the Department of Manpower & Immigration of the Government of Canada to fulfill a six month study project. A total of \$29,578.00 is being made available through the Local Employment Assistance Programme to employ five personnel and to give the staff the communications and transport resources to fulfill the study project.

Lou Drouillard is the Project Director; Richard Adler is the Marketing Research Specialist; Jim Elliston from the Kingston area has joined us as the Prison Community Development Assistant; D. Russel Anderson serves as the Assistant to the Development Activities in the Windsor community; and Lorraine Tarcea is the Secretary-Bookkeeper. Although the Study Project staff are located in the same general office area as the National Society, it is legally known as The Assistance Programme to Community Development and has a separate telephone number: 254-5441.

The study project is a period of research of the feasibility of the objectives and their development to a point. The determined feasibility and the extent of development of the Programme are the basis of an application for a three year L.E.A.P. Grant for the implementation of the plans, assuring self-sufficiency by the end of this three year period.

THE OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To create employment which shall be permanently available to offenders, ex-offenders, and their families, and possibly to other disadvantaged persons in our community suffering from unemployment.
- 2) To create employment which is creative, imaginative, and challenging, a type of employment best suited to those who:(a) have the ability for leadership, community development and deep personal involvement;and, (b)have not been able to profit from prison work programmes or to adapt to the role; factory-like jobs which are generally the only ones found by ex-offenders.

3) To educate, train, and give actual experience to the employees in co-operative employment and savings programmes, in self-help programmes, and in community betterment and development.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES:

- 1) To develop a co-operative production of goods which shall become self-supporting through the financial return of the sale of the goods.
- 2) To attempt to involve offenders while in prison in a co-operative employment scheme with the free community.
- 3) To create co-operative and other needed forms of housing and community residences for the disadvantaged ex-offenders and their families, involving as much as possible the incarcerated offender in planning, in actual working, and, through visits to the community in preparation for release.
- 4) To conduct the necessary marketing surveys, public polls, and research as may be demanded by these activities.
- 5) To assist in the development of the Community Corrections Council concept in order to attain the participation of all correctional agencies in these activities.
- 6) To educate the general community with regard to these activities in order to achieve understanding, co-operation and support.
- 7) To document all planning and activities.
- 8) To methodically analyze and make reports and submissions on the total work at regular intervals.
- 9) To establish a co-operative financial organization for inmates, residents of our houses, and other ex-offenders, related families and the staff - a credit union.

The task at hand for the Study Project is a self-immersion into correctional history and programmes, the development of community corrections, self-help, co-operation, study methodology. During this process, a Study Design is being created - marketing analysis, sociological survey, the demonstration-study model. Timing is involved, dates are being considered, deadlines will be determined. By the first of May, the fulfillment of the feasibility Study Design should already be in progress. The study, documentation, analysis and re-orientation from time to time; these are the activities of the next two or three months.

Finally, by the end of the fourth month, it is anticipated that a

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request to the L.E.A.P. officials may be formulated. Then it can be presented. Then the process of its consideration can be the continuing preparation for the full implementation of the projects decided upon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Lou Drouillard,
Project Director,
Assistance Programme to
Community Development.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: The following is information from an unreliable source and should be taken as such. Actually, the scanners never break down; they've got enough of them!

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Big beef to the visitor's reception lounge for holding up visitors while their metal detector is temporarily out of order. Some reports have visitors waiting as much as 30 minutes when the detector breaks down. Come on fellows, if you're that afraid to frisk my wife I'll be more than happy to do it for you!

So, then to everyone a chance -
To everyone,
Regardless of birth,
A shining, golden opportunity -
To everyone, the right to live,
To work, to be oneself,
And to become
Whatever thing one's desire
And vision
Can contribute to make of them -

- Thomas Wolfe -

-revised-

Juveniles Injustice

Recently, I was reading an article in Winnipeg's Free Press. This article dealt with a provincial law that decreases the power of the Children's Aid Society and their review board. The main contention behind the power cut is that the Society and the Review Board are making things too easy on juvenile offenders. The concerned parties of government state that intervention by these factions is causing a rise in the number of juvenile offences because they are mainly responsible for so many young offenders being turned loose!

Did you know that six out of every ten juveniles that spend time in a reformatory such as the old Manitoba Home For Boys in Portage la Prairie return to crime on a much grander scale than they had before. Let me give you an example of this.

A juvenile was placed in Portage's Home for Boys in 1961 at the delicate age of ten. He was placed there for two years by a juvenile court judge by the name of Judge Stringer (a female). The charge before the court was "incorrigibility." The basis for the charge was that the person before the court had consistently refused to attend school. He had refused to buckle to the pressures of the teachers and truancy officers.

Once in Portage's Home for Boys the youth suffered many different types of degradation and humiliation. The youth was a constant escapee and the authorities in charge dealt with him harshly. After the first year, the youth had amassed a total of over six years in his sentence. The intention was to keep the youth until he reached adult age.

The escapes of the youth took him across the country and got him into various situations. He was forced to progress from truancy to stealing cars, to breaking into establishments, to acts of violence, to robberies, and, ultimately, to a murder; although it was some years later.

The facts are, however, that the juvenile court system as it stands today is incapable of rendering any form of true justice. These criers in government that advocate harsher treatment of juveniles have not so much as a hint of what they are talking about! Do they truly believe that locking up more of our youth will solve the pr-

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blems that confront them? Or, perhaps, are they trying to exonerate their own guilt in improper raising of their children? Do they believe that theirs is an expression of a higher morality than the rest of us?

I sickens me to see such flagrant flaunting of supposedly sacred moralities! I can not grasp the fact that grown men, playing a game of politics, are so inconsiderate and so blind as to advocate such harsh treatment of our youth!

I don't suppose I should be so harsh on them because they probably overlooked a survey that would bring the facts to light. If you learned gentlemen truly wish to see the persecution of youth, then you are going about it in the right way. However, if you believe that you are doing society a justice by creating warped and embittered youths that will cost society countless dollars and properties later, then go ahead and do your thing!

I don't think that any self-respecting adult can condone your act. Perhaps you should enter a prison and find out how many of the inmates progressed from youth centers based on punishment to the penitentiaries based on isolation.

Come on fellas, get on the ball. Let's not create more of a problem than we have already! The term "rehabilitation" is being used in federal penal treatment. Lets put the term on the most needed facet of reform as well. Let's re-orientate their motivations and prevent them from becomming statistics as well. We already have enough of those.

These are the opinions of me alone and do not reflect on any other members of the TERMINATOR staff. Rebuttals will be welcome through the mail at the address prescribed on the inside front cover.

-by Daryle Johnston-

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.....

tolstoi

A Simple Metis

To the great society,
Fellow residents,
And whom it may concern;

This is my personal opinion and chance to express myself fully as my time here soon expires. I owe many thanks to the staff as well as residents for all my achievements; great and small. I sincerely believe in the new life I have found through A.A., M.I.B., Bible School, Education, Sports, and people in general.

Life is a struggle and finding an answer can be easy through Jesus Christ . I have, and still, follow the teachings that have brought me through all trials and temptations and to a better understanding of myself as well as the job I have ahead.

Personal freedom, I believe, can only be achieved by hard work, honesty, trust, interest, and a desire to do what is right. The life of drinking, stealing, assaulting, cheating, and lying has been mine. Since entering this hell-bent bureaucratic system of boards, I feel well experienced and able to cope with the outside. The only solutions are found in man's independance with a little help from his friends.

As my title indicates, I'm just a simple person with a desire to help others in small ways. I can't get you a parole, but I can wash your shirt or press your pants. A smile is all I have and that is pride.

SINCERELY,
-Anonymous-

EDITORIAL COMMENT:The writer of this piece wishes to remain anonymous as he feels that he would not be accepted as having expressed his true sentiments. We, the editorial staff, understand this and, therefore, respect his wishes. We felt, though, that the article held a great deal of truth and printed the letter. To the writer that is shortly due for release; we agree with many of your points and wish you every success in your endeavours once released!

Our staff typist is no ball of fire. He periodically goes on strike because we use words that contain more than five letters. Gee! It must be rough eh!

The Significance of Streaking

"Streaking, like the energy crisis, is a phenomenon of our time; and, like the energy crisis, it also has a higher significance. It is, in fact, the most encouraging sign we have seen among the younger generation that society may be taking a turn for the better. Youthful activity, for a number of years now, has been conspicuous for it's almost total lack of humour. Quite to the contrary, it has had a horrible grimness about it, involving mind-bending drugs, witchcraft, ritual murders, bizzare hair styles and apparel, and grizzly cults of a variety of sorts. Now however, for the first time in many a moon, we see youthful high jinks of the old fashioned kind in place of riots and death.

Streaking, to the contrary, has all the elements of healthy exercise, vigor, and good humour. It is mindful of the good old campus hoopla which used to be a necessary ingredient of university life, before the sick element took over and began breaking things up. So, here's to the streakers one and all! May they streak in peace and contentment, free from colds, influenza, and chilblains."

FROM: THE BRUCE TRAIL NEWS

A young man was introducing the new clergyman to his hard-of-hearing father.

"Dad," the son said, "this is our new preacher."

"Oh, the new teacher, eh?" said the father.

"No, no," the son insisted, and by way of clarification added loudly, "He's the son of a bishop."

The old man nodded, "They all are."

WANTED: One broadminded female. Apply to Magilla G. End house in Stony Mountain's only high class district! (suffer you all!)

Poetry

Too many times
 we taught
 each other how
 to hate.

When I think
 of you my
 reaction tells me
 of my hatred.

For us there
 never was
 love only sex
 and bad mouthings.

For the price
 I paid
 and the
 goods I recieved,
 why do
 I still
 feel an ache?

When I contemplate
 the follies
 of the
 past and
 the futility
 of the future
 my first impulse
 is for
 revenge.

I guess I
 still sex
 you with
 all my bad
mouthings.

Richard J. Anderson

The blessing is not in living, But in living well!

Seneca 8 B.C.

Prison

Next to death, the most feared fate that may befall a citizen is that of going to prison. Penitentiaries are grim, fortress-like structures, the inner workings of which people shudder to contemplate.

If we are to even begin to understand what prisons are all about we must first know something of the people who are sent there. And the truth of the matter is that all manner of men go to prison. The popular concept that prisons house a breed of men who are grim and socially dangerous is utterly absurd. When we hang the label "criminal" on convicted men we are speaking of doctors, lawyers, businessmen, tradesmen, labourers and of course common thieves. Tragically, prisons are geared to the lowest common denominator - therein lies the chief cause of the utter failure of the prison system. There will be no real change in the prison system until such time as society demands it. Long before that day arrives society must decide what it wants from its prison system. If it wants a punitive system let's get rid of those who push for rehabilitation. If on the other hand it wants to rehabilitate, then the punitive aspects of prison must be abandoned. The pursuit of both goals, simultaneously, is making a mockery of the system.

Anyone who has spent a period of time in prison is quickly overwhelmed by feeling of utter frustration and futility. There is a complete lack of policy direction in the prison system - days are endless period of nothingness. At the local level prison officials are aware of the inadequacies of the system - why then is the system not changing?

The man who directs the penitentiary system, the Solicitor General, assumes the responsibility for a complex bureaucracy that he knows little about. He is a man with no Penological experience. Those men to whom the Solicitor General must turn for advice fall into two camps. On the one hand we find the new breed of academics who are the proponents of classification and rehabilitation. And on the other hand we find the established custodial

staff. We might think of this latter group in terms of their being the senior service. Not wanting to have their authority usurped by a bunch of newcomers they work to create the illusion that disaster is impending daily. Once the myth that guards and guns are necessary to control prison inmates is laid to rest a lot of prison guards will be out of work. And if that day ever arrives we will then find that serious prison reforms can begin. That is not to say that there are no dangerous inmates in the prison system. Each penitentiary has it's share of dangerous inmates. This fact is in itself an example of the breakdown in prison planning. Within the last 10 years serious consideration was given to implementing a system whereby all inmates would be segregated. Those men considered dangerous would be kept in maximum security institutions; with the trouble makers out of the road the remaining inmates would accept the reform programs. Unfortunately the parole board could not deliver, they were unable to supervise an acceptable percentage of parolees - the net result being that the prisons became glutted and all thoughts of segregation had to be abandoned.

Conditions in Quebec must be considered in a different light from that of the rest of Canada. Violence is firmly established as a way of life in most criminal-police encounters in Quebec and this aura of hate is carried into the prison system. In Manitoba, law enforcement is much tamer stuff. A hold-up man is not afraid of being gunned down on the spot, he will flee and risk capture rather than shoot it out with the police. In Stony Mountain Penitentiary inmates and staff tend to get along in an atmosphere of co-existence. In Quebec the lines rigidly drawn, the guards are the enemy.

Very briefly then we are saying that prison conditions differ radically from region to region. One serious shortcoming of the prison system is that a single set of regulation covers all institutions in Canada. It is recognized that those institutions closest to headquarters recieve most of the attention. Budgets for

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educational programs and vocational training become very dilute when you are located out on the prairies.

One of the real tragedies of prison is the utter waste of human resources. Healthy, energetic men, men whose very energy contributed to their downfall in the community are left to stagnate and drift aimlessly through a prison sentence. Prison officials do not recognize the value of motivation, there is no inducement to excel. Classification officers are closeted in their offices, far removed from the events of daily living in the institution. As a consequence they do not know nor understand the men that they work with. Tragically, their "no information" reports are the stuff with which parole people base their decisions.

How can anyone presume to gain insight into a man's make-up when that man lives in a hostile, punitive environment. Everything about his world is controlled & he is denied natural expression. A counsellor can work with an inmate for years and feel that he really knows the man & understands his problems-and for that period in time he probably does. But what happens when the inmate leaves prison to enter the real world? What happens when he takes his first drink, when he is struggling with an identity crisis.

Industry and initiative for the most part go unrewarded in prison. Good behavior is still the chief concern of the authorities, to achieve this they use the carrots of parole and day passes. While this technique keeps things running smoothly in the institution it does nothing whatever to help prepare the man for the day of his release. In prison the term "work-day" is a misnomer. The number of men who put in as much as three hours of work would represent no more than 5% of the population. Prisons are not places for work, they are societies depositories for men who for the most part are simply social nuisances. These men require training and rehabilitation - they do not need prison.

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The Canadian tax-payer puts out over \$10,000.00 per year for each man in prison today and this figure is fast rising. What are his returns for this large investment? Few ever leave prison a better person than when they first entered. He leaves prison conditioned to idleness, filled with contempt for authority, numbed with mental stagnation and overpowered with a sense of insecurity. It is this combination of mal imprinting that drives the ex-inmate to seek the aid and comfort of those whose world he was forced to share, while incarcerated.

Prison is the perfect welfare state; unfortunately the products of prison find themselves social misfits when they re-enter the community. The tax-payer is getting damned poor value for his dollar. Rehabilitation is a fine topic of conversation at the Ottawa level - in actual fact it is virtually non-existent.

-by Phil Cloutier

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK:

While we are on the topic of costs and other interesting things relating to prison existence. Let me throw a few words in here.

Did you know that inflation does exist and is not the myth that our government would have us believe? Yes, it is alive and thriving right here in Stony Mountain.

For example, in the past two months, our canteen index has increased in value a total of sixteen cents. Our payment; as low as it is anyway, has increased five cents in the past year. So, you see, things aren't as bad as they seem outside! In fact, they are a heck of a lot better; at least in finances.

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Who will be the first to place their want ad in the TERMINATOR? Who will be the first to extend a helping hand? Has the recent voice of many MANITOBIANS for a change of attitudes and methods of redirecting the lives of those incarcerated truly been the voice of sincerity?

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-Mr. Keith-

(institutional Manpower representative)

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EDITORIAL COMMENT: For those who have not been aware of the existence of this organization, they are a group of people who have husbands, sons, and children incarcerated in this penitentiary. They are doing a great job at attempting to instigate a number of programs that would, ultimately, benefit all of us within the walls as well as those who are to follow.

The editorial staff of the TERMINATOR ask that everyone give whatever assistance and support to this organization that they possibly can. It will be greatly appreciated by all, fellows, and it will be a great gain for all of us.

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CALL ME A GOOD THIEF



Donald Pollock

Who is Donald Pollock?

Donald Pollock. Born, Montreal Quebec.

He spent 18 years of his life in and out of prisons.

He passed his childhood years in two reform schools.

Was addicted to drugs for 8½ years.

Classified as being criminally insane twice!

Was sent to the penitentiary four times.

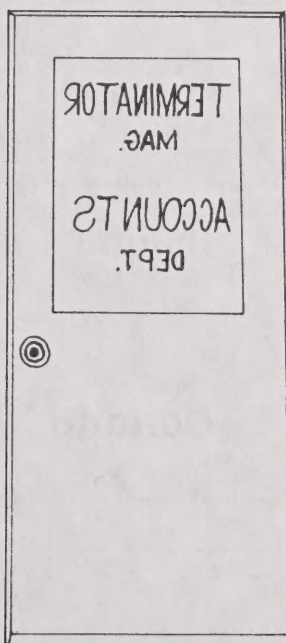
Donald has been arrested from car thefts to hold-ups.

He escaped from the penitentiary and took a guard's wife hostage.

He was also classed a criminal psychopath.

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